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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **PJ-2**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER
ISOLATION/TUBERCULOSIS UNIT PROJECT
ESTABLISH CAPITAL PROJECT 86720
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4
3 VOTES**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Establish Capital Project 86720 for the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center Isolation/Tuberculosis Unit Project.
2. Approve the enclosed appropriation adjustment, which transfers appropriation and revenue in the amount of \$3,000,000 from Public Health and Health Services Administration to Capital Project 86720 to provide sufficient funds for the RLANRC Isolation/Tuberculosis Unit Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will establish and fund Capital Project 86720, which is to remodel a wing in an existing building at RLANRC to accommodate an isolation/tuberculosis unit. The total project cost is estimated at \$3,000,000. Upon confirmation of the space program by Public Health and completion of our selection process for the design consultant, we will return to your Board to award the design contract and finalize the project budget and schedule. Our preliminary projected construction completion date for the proposed project is April 2006 (Enclosure A).

The proposed isolation/tuberculosis unit is being developed to provide additional acute-level isolation beds which can be utilized in case of any communicable disease outbreak or emergency. In the interim, it will be operated at the skilled nursing level and will house drug-resistant tuberculosis patients and those under court detention orders. The proposed unit will be designed to comply with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development requirements for an acute care facility. Currently, there are 14 patients with tuberculosis that are housed at various facilities throughout the County. Public Health recommends that tuberculosis patients be housed together to allow for a more efficient delivery of medical care and to minimize the potential for public exposure to infection. These patients were previously housed at High Desert Hospital before it was converted into an outpatient facility.

The isolation/tuberculosis unit consists of the remodel of a wing, approximately 10,000 square feet in size, in an existing building at RLANRC to accommodate the patients in 14 private rooms. The unit will be designed to minimize the risk of transmitting illnesses among patients who have different levels of severity and to the healthcare workers and the general public. As a result, the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system will be upgraded in order to meet code requirements for negative air pressure isolation rooms.

In order to make patients' confinements more tolerable, Public Health recommends that as part of their treatment, the patients be allowed to spend recreational time outdoors. Therefore, a modular building located in the enclosed courtyard adjacent to the remodeled unit may need to be demolished in order to provide open recreational space. Also, a security system will be installed to prevent patient elopement and to deter patients from intermingling with the general staff and patient population on campus.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These actions are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Children and Families' Well-Being by improving the public health care infrastructure and providing enhanced health care to the residents of the County of Los Angeles.

These actions will further the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness as the proposed improvements will allow the County to provide services in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Upon your Board's approval of the appropriation adjustment detailed in Enclosure B, which will transfer \$3,000,000 in appropriation and revenue from the Public Health and Health Services Administration 2004-05 Adopted Budget to the project, sufficient funds will be available in the 2004-05 Capital Projects/Refurbishments' Budget under Capital Project 86720.

The construction budget is estimated at \$2,300,000. The total project budget, including plans and specifications, plan check, construction, consultant services, and County services, is currently estimated at \$3,000,000 (Enclosure A). The project budget and schedule are preliminary at this time until the space program is confirmed by Public Health.

The project will be financed by a Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program Cooperative Agreement Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000, issued by Health Resources and Services Administration; \$692,000 from a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Grant; and \$1,308,000 in Measure B funding. Under the provisions in the grants, funding must be encumbered by August 31, 2004.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

None.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Approval of the recommended actions will have no environmental impact. The appropriate environmental documents will be completed prior to returning to your Board for approval to award the design agreement.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Chief Administrative Office has requested Public Works to initiate the selection of an architect. We will return to your Board for approval of the recommended agreement by October 2004.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Establishment of this project will have no impact on current services at RLANRC.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Administrative Office (Capital Projects Division), Health Services, and Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: County Counsel

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ENCLOSURE A

**RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER
ISOLATION/TUBERCULOSIS UNIT PROJECT
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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Preliminary Scheduled Completion Date
Architectural/Engineering Contract Execution	10/18/2004
Construction Documents	02/28/2005
Jurisdictional Approvals	08/31/2005
Award Construction Contract	09/29/2005
Construction Substantial Completion	03/30/2006
Acceptance of Project	04/27/2006

II. PRELIMINARY PROJECT BUDGET

Budget Category	Conceptual Project Budget
Construction	
Base Contract (including demolition)	\$ 2,100,000
Change Order Allowance	\$ 200,000
Subtotal	\$ 2,300,000
Equipment	\$ 0
Plans and Specifications	
Basic Services	\$ 285,000
Design Contingency	\$ 30,000
Subtotal	\$ 315,000
Consultant Services	\$ 0
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 19,500
Jurisdictional Review, Permits, and Fees	\$ 37,800
County Services	\$ 327,700
TOTAL	\$ 3,000,000

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ENCLOSURE B

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APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT